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(b) whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table;

(c) whether the President, Salem District Board, applied for the approval and sanction of any appointments and confirmations made by him since the date of the Government Order referred to in clause (a);

(d) whether the Government have accorded their approval and sanction for such appointments and confirmations;

(e) if so, what the reasons are for giving such saniation; and

(f) whether the copies of the letter or letters of the president, pleading for approval and the orders of Government in each case will be placed on the table?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy[a] of G.O. No. 692, L. & M., dated the 9th February 1934, referred to is placed on the table.

(c) Yes; in regard to the confirmation of three clerks, one peon and two lascars.

(d) & (e) The Government accorded their approval to the President, District Board's action as the confirmation of the employees ordered by him was before the receipt of the Government Order in the office of the district board.

(f) The Government see no need to place the papers on the table.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know what made the Government give their approval to the confirmation of those persons when there were so many taluk board employees waiting to be appointed to the service? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" If the hon. Member reads the printed answer, he will find that the confirmation was before the receipt of the Government Order in the office of the district board."

Grants for works undertaken by the Panchayats.

* 867 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the basis on which grants for works undertaken by the panchayats are given by the Government;

(b) whether labour contributed by the villagers is taken into account and treated as part of the contribution made by the panchayats;

(c) whether the Engineering staff of the District Board is required to prepare estimates, supervise the work of construction, checkmeasure and prepare the final bills in respect of all works undertaken by the panchayats; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to employ special Engineering staff to carry out the works of the panchayats?

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A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (*b*) of question No. 800 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 25th March 1933.

(*b*) Yes, except in the case of grants sanctioned for pre-union areas disbursed through district boards.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

Medical Administration

Selection of Indian States' subjects as paid House-Surgeons.

* 868 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Madrasis and of Indian States' subjects among the recent applicants for admission into the paid panel of House-Surgeons and Physicians and among the persons selected last month; and

(*b*) the reasons for selecting some persons coming from the States?

A.—(*a*) The information is given below:—

Total number of candidates who applied for selection	27
Number of Indian State subjects	8
Total number selected for paid appointments by the Board	14
Number of Indian State subjects selected for paid appointments	4

Out of the 8 Indian State subjects 6 including the 4 selected for the paid appointments have produced certificates of naturalization under section 3 (1) of the Indian Naturalization Act, 1926.

(*b*) The candidates selected for the paid appointments are in the opinion of the Board the most suitable among the applicants taking into consideration the academic record, character and qualifications of the applicants. Certain State subjects were selected for the paid appointments in preference to Madrasis for the reasons stated above.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know how many years' residence entitles the Indian States subjects to produce certificates of naturalization?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Previously it was five years; now it is ten years."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Minister is aware that there is a strong feeling among Madras students that this concession should not be extended to the subjects of Indian States when there is a sufficient number of suitable candidates available in our province itself?"